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TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

Bill's Passage Through the House of Lords.

LORD LANSDOWNE'S TRENCHANT CRITICISMS.

[Service To The "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 27, 6.30 p.m.
The House of Lords was crowded when the Coal Mines Bill was read for a second time. All the stages are to be taken to-night.

BILL WILL NOT FAIL.

Lord Crowe declined to assume the possibility of the Bill being a failure. It met the miners' wishes so far they could be met by legislation, and he hoped that they would accept it.

DANGERS AHEAD.

Lord Lansdowne during the debate on the address said that the Government had rejected the principle of a minimum wage and had been converted, not by the grievances of the miners, but by the appearance of a colossal conspiracy making the miners' grievances a pretext. He feared that the Government did not realize the dangers ahead. The Bill did not secure finality and left the men's leaders the power at any time to sentence the country to starvation and ruin; to humiliate and paralyse the nation, perhaps at a time when it most needed its whole strength.

OPPOSITION DOUBTS.

An attempt to alter the Bill, however, would only embarrass the Government of the day and prolong the suspense. The Opposition would therefore not move amendments, but would place on record its doubts of the wisdom and justice of the measure. The Bill carried its own Nemesis, and would be epoch-making. He asked whether the whole of the immunities given to the union under the Trades Disputes Act would be appropriate to the new conditions. He hoped that the Bill would give a breathing space in which the Government could settle industrial house in order.

London, Mar. 27, 4.55 p.m.
To-day over four thousand men are working in the pits.

The Miners' delegates are leaving London for the various districts.

NO RECOMMENDATION.

The ballot will be completed on April 3. The Miners' Federation make no recommendation to the men how to vote.

FREE MEALS.

One hundred thousand persons receive free meals daily in the potteries district.

The London County Council has suspended the Easter holidays for the schools in order to feed the poor children.

AUSTRIAN MINERS DEMAND.

London, Mar. 27, 6.30 p.m.
Ruter's correspondent at Vienna states that the Reichsrath has rejected a revolution calling upon the Government to introduce a Miners Minimum Wage Bill.

BALLOT OF THE MEN.

Bombay, Mar. 28, 6.55 a.m.
The Miners Federation this afternoon decided to take a ballot of the men to discover whether they were in favour of resuming work pending a settlement of the minima by the District Boards.

RAILWAY LOSSES.

Bombay, Mar. 28, 6.55 a.m.
The aggregate week's decrease on the receipts of British railways is £606,306.

OWNERS ACCEPT THE BILL.

London, Mar. 27, 5.40 p.m.
A meeting of the coal owners has accepted the Bill. It was resolved to thank Mr. Asquith for his courtesy and patience. In the House of Commons Mr. McKenna gave assurances that adequate protection would be afforded to willing workers.

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

BILL GOES TO LORDS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 27, 1.30 p.m.

The Coal Bill passed the third reading, by 213 votes to 48, at 2.50 o'clock this morning. The Lords immediately sat and gave the Bill a first reading. Mr. Lloyd George voted with the majority on the 5s. and 2s. minimum amendment. The minority included 50 Radicals, and a number of other amendments, including several moved by the Government, were disposed of.

A STRIKING SPEECH.

A notable speech in the debate was by the Miners' Federationist, Mr. Walsh. He said that when the Bill passed every well-wisher of the country would make the best of it. Our citizenship, he said, ought to be higher than our trade unionism. The "Daily News" says the Miners' Federation will to-day consider the Government proposal to establish a National Wages Board to consider the 5s. and 2s. minima on the understanding that the miners resume immediately, these two points have been settled. The number of miners working yesterday was 3,200.

RESERVES TO PROTECT WORKERS.

The "Times" says the Government hope the miners will seize on the Bill as an excuse to return to work. Failing a resumption, the Government have planned effective measures for the relief of distress, and will probably call out the Reserves to protect workers. The "Times" says a brief joint conference was held yesterday. As the result of a Government fuse, the coal owners went to Downing-st. to meet the Government, but were resentfully surprised to find the miners' representatives there.

PREMIER FEELING STRAIN.

It is understood that Mr. Asquith is suffering from strain. The Welsh leader, Mr. Hartshorn, interviewed, said the Federation were not weakening, and were seriously considering appealing to the transport workers and other organisations. The Monmouth and South Wales coal owners have contributed £1,000 each to relief funds at Cardiff, Swansea and Newport. The South Yorkshire coal owners have given £2,000 for the relief of local distress.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

GERMAN ACTION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 28, 6.55 a.m.

The Reichstag Budget Committee has voted a grant for an extra 500 men for Kiaochow, bringing up the garrison to 2500. The Foreign Under-Secretary said that the grant was demanded in consequence of the continued disorders and constant appeals for help from many quarters.

NO INTERFERENCE.

Yuan Shih-kai deserves confidence and the Government would be masters of the situation if they got money quickly. The German Government was pursuing, in the fullest agreement with the other Powers, the principle of non-interference on the eventual understanding for common action.

THE OPEN DOOR.

Germany would intervene against all attempts at partition of China which must be preserved in its entirety. The open door must be guaranteed.

FORMAL RESIGNATION.

Shanghai, March 27.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen formally resigned the duties of the Presidency yesterday.

TROUBLE FEARED IN NANKING.

The gentry and citizens of Nanking in anticipation of trouble which may occur through the transference of the central government to Peking have asked Tang Shao-yi to take steps for their protection.

EXPULSION WANTED.

The Army League at Nanking have telegraphed to President Yuan Shih-kai asking him to expel Wong Yu-kap, Tiag Si-yu and Yik Li-him from the league.

LOANS AND REFORMS.

Tang Shao-yi has expressed the fear that the floating of foreign loans will be attended by some difficulty, and he expects that as a consequence, many suggested reforms will not be carried out for some time.

EAGER TO PARTICIPATE.

The Japanese merchants at Shanghai have despatched a representative to Peking in connection with their request that they should be allowed to participate in the loans raised for the Chinese Government.

TELEGRAMS.

MARRIAGES IN JAPAN.

ACT PASSES LORDS.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, Mar. 28, 6.55 a.m.

The House of Lords has passed the third reading of the Japan Marriages Act.

ANTI-TRUST LAW.

PACKERS ACQUITTED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 27, 5.5 a.m.

Reuter's Chicago correspondent states that the ten meat packers who were charged with criminally violating the anti-trust law have been acquitted after a trial lasting six months. The defendants included the presidents of the Swift, Armour and Morris companies.

ALPINE TRAGEDY.

TEN TOURISTS KILLED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 27, 4.5 a.m.

Ten tourist ski-runners have been killed by an avalanche at Hochschneeberg, in the Austrian Alps.—Reuter.

A LETTER OF IMPORTANCE.

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TELEGRAMS.

HOME RACING.

LIVERPOOL CUP.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 27, 8.5 p.m.

The following are the probable starters and jockeys for the Liverpool Cup:—

Wolfe Land—William Griggs.
Dalnacraig—Winter.
Eaton Boy—Howitt.
Merry Task—Maher.
Protestant Boy—Foy.
Helot—Trigg.
Dartoi—Piper.
Royal Haakle II—Donoghue.
Southampton—Wheatley.
Willaura—Bickaby.
Forest Lassie—Ringstead.
Persim—Duller.
Bryony—Robinson.
Atty—Shanahan.
Adam Bode—Stokes.
Jackdaw—Caldor.
Zorral—Whalley.
Subterranean—Buxley.

OTHER PROBABLES.

London, Mar. 27, 11 p.m.
Trigg rides Merry Task and Helot is still without a jockey. Additional probable starters are Dandyprat with Maher up and Star of Doon with Crisp riding.—Reuter.

SUGAR CONVENTION.

ADOPTED BY GERMANY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 27, 4.55 p.m.

The Reichstag has passed the Sugar Convention.—Reuter.

CANTON NEWS.

[The "Telegraph" Correspondent.]

Canton, March 27.

The natives of Shun-tak district doing business in Hongkong have petitioned the Commissioner for the Interior for the dispersal of the followers of Wong Woshun from the Shun-tak district. It appears that the Central Government had intended to transfer these particular troops to the district in question and the men will be a source of danger to the inhabitants.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen has received information from Chinese residents in the Dutch Indies of a considerable traffic in slaves that is being carried on by some of the more unscrupulous Chinese. He in turn has communicated with the Governor-General of Canton instructing him to keep a sharp lookout for kidnappers, who are to be severely punished when convicted.

The butchers' strike reported yesterday is not yet finished, and there appears to be little prospect of the butchers coming to any agreement with the pig dealers. The matter has now been taken in hand by the Commissioner for Finance, and he proposes to use drastic means to end the dispute, which will in a short time seriously inconvenience the community.

The report of an attempt to hold up a train comes from Fanningkiang on the Sanning Railway. Robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to stop the train and were only driven off by the strenuous defence of the guards who opened fire on them. Troops are to be stationed along the line for further protection.

TELEGRAMS.

CYCLONE DAMAGE.

MANY CASUALTIES.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 27, 5.40 p.m.

A cyclone has done considerable damage at Buenos Ayres. Eight people have been killed and thirty injured. The cyclone has also ravaged the Junin district where there have been ten killed and twenty injured.—Reuter.

PRINCE OF WALES.

VISIT TO FRANCE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 27, 5.40 p.m.

An official announcement states that the Prince of Wales is leaving for Paris on Monday on a visit to the Marquis de Breteuil. He will probably stay for four months in order to study the language and acquire the correct accent under Professor Escoffier. He will also study literature and the drama. It is stated that a German visit is also contemplated.—Reuter.

THE FAMINE.

Men Worth Saving.

The following is from one of the news bulletins issued by the Central China Famine Relief Committee:—The famine region in North Kiangsu and North Anhwei has been for many months the seat of war as well, and the two have combined to produce a condition of things that is simply indescribable. The situation is dark and unrelieved by any redeeming feature, so that it is an unexpected pleasure to run across an incident like the following. One of the Red Cross doctors tells that mothers, who with their children were starving to death, bring the boys to the camps where they are bought by the soldiers. The money, perhaps seventy-five cents or a dollar, is sufficient to keep the mother alive for some weeks. The soldiers treat the boys well and supply them with food and clothing. A number of instances of such kindheartedness as this have been found.

It has been noticed by a number of men engaged in famine relief work in China that there are large numbers of women with children in need of help, who have no husband on whom to depend for support. The question naturally arose as to what had become of the men. Inquiry showed that as a general thing the men died first and the women and children often survived them many weeks or months. The reason for this was found to be that the men gave the larger amount of food to the women, and especially the children, and thus sacrificed themselves in order to give their families the better chance.

Dr. Woods, the Superintendent for North Kiangsu, one of those who inquired into this situation, asks "Is not that worth saving?" Contributions may be sent to H. O. Gulland Esq., Treasurer, Manager, International Banking Corporation, Shanghai.

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10.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.	" 15 min.
11.30 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.	" 15 min.
12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.	" 10 min.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.	" 15 min.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	" 10 min.
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12.00 noon to 1.00 p.m.	" 10 min.
1.00 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.	" 15 min.
5.00 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.	" 10 min.
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TELEGRAPH."

OUR CONTEMPORARIES.

WHAT THEY THINK.

China Mail.

Returning to Work.

But even this reflection (that such a crisis is not likely soon to recur) brings small comfort to-day, for the price which we shall have to pay for the big miners' strike will be about the biggest ever known in the history of the modern world. Indeed there is no possible means of estimating the enormous losses which the upheaval has occasioned. Every class must have been badly hit, and unfortunately it will take years in many instances to pull things together again. The chief point that the men have won in the disastrous strife is recognition of the principle that wages must henceforth be considered the first charge on any industrial undertaking, and not a first charge against probable profits, which for so long has been the prevailing practice. It is a great victory in one sense, for it means that much of our old political economy must be readjusted to square with the new conditions which the establishment of this principle necessarily brings about. But even so, there will be many who will question whether the nation has not been called upon to pay too big a price in arriving at the latest formula propounded by modern economists.

Daily Press.

China's Constitution.

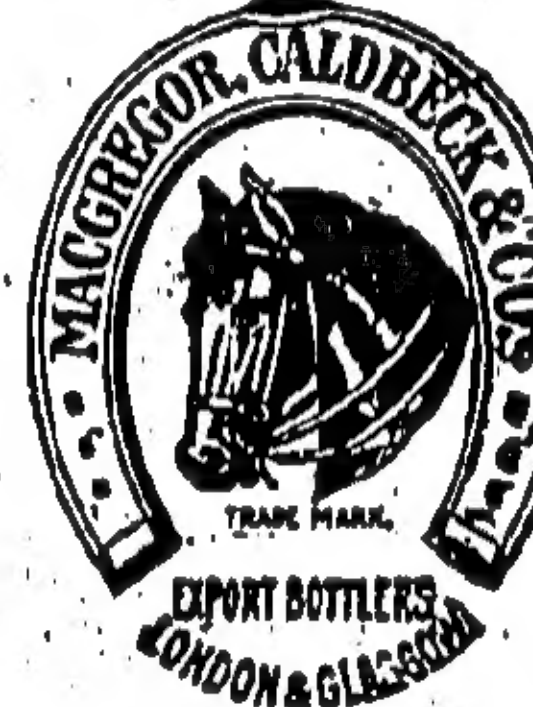
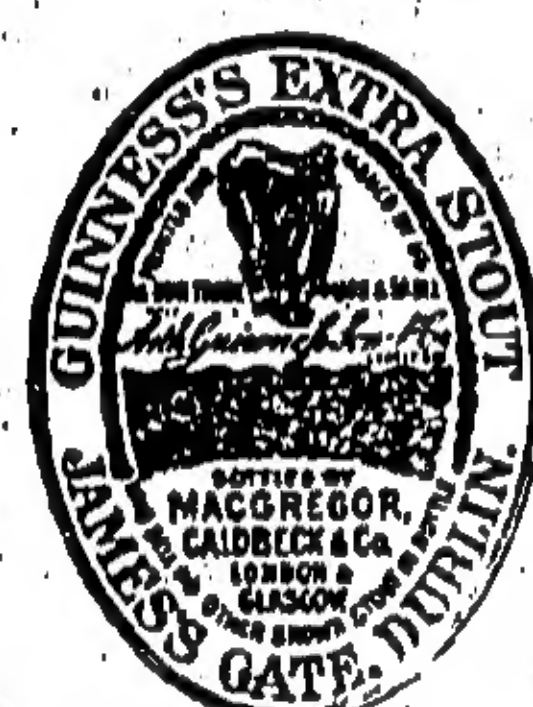
The memorandum of the National Progressive Society, an abstract of which we recently published, is especially interesting as communicating to the world for the first time a cohesive idea of the form which the Constitution of the Republic is intended to take. We have been told often that China is to be a Republic of States federated on the American or Australian model, but—if the memorandum may be accepted as representing the views of the present provisional administration—we are now for the first time enlightened as to the exact nature of the federation, as to the system of local and provincial Government. The elective system advocated strikes us as containing the germ of a very ingenious compromise, which should, if carefully worked out, succeed admirably in allowing a large measure of autonomy to the provinces or States, while at the same time checking disruptive and centrifugal forces. Much will, of course, depend on the detailed written Constitution that is to be drafted for the Republic, but it is evidently intended to give each State a wide range of discretion in its Government, and the provision for Departmental Conferences should keep the administration of each State in close touch with the Central Government and prevent too wide a divergence of law and practice, and at the same time avoid making the control exercised by the Central Government press too heavily upon, and become irksome to, the State Government.

South China Morning Post.

Political Lunacy.

Only a few days ago Reuters chronicled the dramatic reappearance of Mr. Balfour in the political arena, and this came at a time when the crisis in the country demanded that which was best in every patriotic legislator. To-day we are informed that the late leader of the Unionist Party, in the course of a speech delivered in the city, denounced in strong terms the misuse of freedom of speech in order to permit mutiny. Such doctrines he characterised as sheer political lunacy, and added that he "was beginning to wonder if the forces of civilisation were able to resist the agents of disintegration." Mr. Balfour has most happily struck a keynote which will find an echo not only in England, but in those distant parts of the world where Britishers carry on the mission of Empire, and yet study with keen interest the problems and movements that baffle statesmen and arrest that industrial progress which has been the glory of our past and is the hope of our future.

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NYASLAND PROTECTORATE.

Outlet to the Sea.

His Majesty's Government have for some time past had under consideration proposals for the extension of the Shire Highlands Railway, with the object of securing an outlet to the sea for the Nyasaland Protectorate. In view of the great advantages which such a project would confer on the trade and development of Nyasaland, His Majesty's Government have approved of the Protectorate Government assisting the undertaking, in the event of certain arrangements being completed, by entering into an agreement with the British Central Africa Company whereby the latter Government will purchase the public lands of which the Shire Highlands Railway Company is entitled under the terms of its agreement with the Government and will guarantee interest for a term of years on the capital required for the extension of the Shire Highlands Railway from Port Herald to the northern bank of the Zambezi. Application has been made to the Portuguese Government for their consent to the passage of the railway through Portuguese territory.

Simultaneous arrangements are being made for the construction of a line of railway through the Mozambique Company's territory from Beira to a point on the southern bank of the Zambezi, opposite the river terminus of the Shire Highlands extension; and the agreement provisionally approved by His Majesty's Government as to the northern section is made dependent on the construction of the Beira-Zambezi section.

Senhor Teixeira Gomes, Portuguese Minister in London, replying to Reuter's representative, said: "We are endeavouring to attract visitors to Portugal by opening up railways, establishing casinos, hotels, etc., and in order to prevent abuses are introducing laws to regulate gambling. Great surprise (he added) has been caused in Portugal by the suggestion that Portugal is disposed to part with some of her colonies. All such suggestions, I can assure you, are utterly baseless. Portugal was never less disposed to think of such a matter than she is to-day. There have been no negotiations or advances on the part of any Power with regard to such a matter."

ABYDOS EXPLORATIONS.

Fine Discoveries Made.

Some very fine discoveries have recently been made by the Egyptian Exploration Fund expedition on its concession at Abydos, says the Cairo correspondent of the "Pall Mall Gazette."

Abydos was, of course, celebrated in ancient times for its cemeteries, and most of the tombs are being opened. One very fine example of a Roman period tomb which had been saved the vandal hands by the building of another one over it was found to contain a dozen coffins of limestone. Each coffin was still sealed, and when opened was found to contain a mummy wrapped in the usual bandages, the blue and gold painting on which was as fresh and as bright as ever.

A twelfth dynasty tomb was found to contain the skeleton of a woman, round whose neck was a necklace of beads, and at whose left hand were three scarabs, one of them being a superb amethyst. In the tomb were also a vase containing the dye with which she used to paint her eyes.

In the great cemetery the excavators came across the skeleton of a woman deep down in the sand. She has been laid at rest with all her jewels, for on her wrists were bracelets of cowries and beads of cornelian, and on her finger was a ring of five fine scarabs, one of which bears the cartouche of Shishak, the Egyptian King of the thirty-second dynasty, who sacked Jerusalem in the time of Rehoboam. Her head still retained its long black hair, and under it was a collection of ornaments of every description; whilst on her nose the setting of silver still remained.

It is expected that still more interesting finds will be made in this rich centre in the course of the season. One of the tasks of the excavators will be to clear the Osireion, the great underground temple.

NEWS OF THE WORLD.

(From Various Sources.)

The Los Angeles Dynamite Outrage.

A message from Indianapolis dated Feb. 10 says:—Like the Camorristi of Italy, the forty or more men caught in the McNamara dynamite plot by the Federal Grand Jury may be called upon to face trial together. The Department of Justice is said to be considering a plan for combining practically all of the cases in view of the fact that the indictments largely are for the same crime, that of moving dynamite and other explosives contrary to the Interstate law.

It is declared that the only discrepancy is that some of the men are charged with being engaged in the dynamite warfare only in their own part of the country. The individuals, however, are said to charge that the entire conspiracy had a single centre and that the indicted men operated along the same lines, making all of the cases similar.

It is a fact that the indictments were based largely on the incriminating correspondence found here and on the confession of Ortiz McNamara, chief lieutenant of J. J. and J. B. McNamara, so that the evidence is expected to be practically the same in every case. It is declared that no less than four hundred incriminating letters were found in J. J. McNamara's correspondence.

It was stated at the Federal Building to-night that nine of the indicted men would be arrested before Tuesday. J. T. Butler of Buffalo, first vice-president of the Iron Workers, said here to-day that if he is wanted by the Government he will not be hard to find.

Coal Miner's Heroism.

A story of heroism in the burning mine of the Cannock (Chase) Colliery Company was told a few weeks ago at the inquest on the bodies of the five men who lost their lives in consequence of the fire. The outbreak took place in the lamp house near the bottom of the shaft, and in a very short time 30 coal tubs were on fire, and the 200 men who were at work had to be hurried to the surface. Henry Morrett described how he and Thomas Stokes went into the workings and warned the men to make their way to the upcast shaft. Stokes was overcome by the smoke, and lost his life. Witness said he went into the dense smoke time after time and called to the men which ways to take. He urged them to hurry along. He could not see them, it was so dark, but he could tell some of them by feeling. The smoke became so black that he and the other men were told to leave. If the fire had reached the shaft not a man would have escaped. They were all in a state of collapse when they got to the upcast shaft. He was satisfied that no human being could live long in the pit after he left. Mr. Johnstone, His Majesty's Inspector of Mines, said he had examined the distance travelled into the workings by the last witness, and it showed remarkable courage on his part. Mr. A. Stanley, M.P., the miners' agent—He went back twice for the men, and returned a third time a little way. It was very brave. The Coroner and the jury expressed their admiration of the courage shown by Morrett.

FOR PHOTOGRAPHERS.

A CHANCE FOR EVERY AMATEUR.

The proprietor of the "Hongkong Telegraph" has decided to continue during March his offer of two prizes for the best photographs submitted to the editor by amateur photographers, during the month.

The first prize is one of

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It has been decided to widen the scope of the competition. To restrict it largely to active life in the Colony excludes many amateurs who are not yet experienced in this class of work. As the whole purpose of the competition is to stimulate interest in photography in Hongkong it has been felt better to remove all restriction and to

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Pictures of active life, then, pictures of still life, pictures recent or pictures taken months ago, pictures of life or scenes in Hongkong or pictures taken in any part of China, pictures taken at home—any picture, general or local, may be sent along if it possesses interest at all. With the competition of so comprehensive a character there is a chance for any amateur photographer in Hongkong to win one of the prizes. The rules of competition appeared in the issue of March 1.

Photographic Competition Coupon.

March 28, 1912.

I agree to enter the photographic competition on the express understanding that the editor's decision shall be final, and that he may, at his discretion, use the print sent herewith either in the "Hongkong Telegraph" or the "Weekly Telegraph."

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PIN-PRICKS.

It takes a really great man to disregard pin-pricks, either metaphorical or actual. That is why, we suppose, most of us get far more annoyed at either kind than we ought to do. For most of us are average men, that is to say, neither much bigger nor much smaller, not much better and not much—well, not so very much—worse than our fellows. And this weakness we share in common—that we are all too apt to worry over the little things of life. The V.C. who thinks nothing of having his arm or leg shot off cannot express (with any satisfaction to himself) his feelings when his collar-stud disappears under the chest of drawers and he is already two minutes late for dinner. We have known City magnates hear without a tremor the news that they have lost ten thousand of the best over some speculative deal, yet who have been thoroughly upset for days on discovering that they have parted with a ten-shilling

piece in mistake for a six-penny bit. These things cannot be helped, we suppose; yet, is it not strange that woman is quite free from both concerning pin-pricks, either actual or metaphorical? Not so strange, in reality. For, of course, the actual pin-prick she never suffers from. A woman can use a hundred pins a minute and never get a scratch, whereas a man cannot pick up one in the street without getting stung—if you will pardon the expression. As for the metaphorical pin-prick, we incline to think that women's minds are too full of the things that really matter—such as dress and hats—to worry about the minor troubles of life.—The "Globe."

Notice

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

DURING the absence on leave of Mr. JAMES GRAIK, Mr. J. S. DOBIE has been appointed Acting Secretary.

C. MONTAGUE EDE, Chairman.

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W. T. TROAKE, Secretary.

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HONGKONG, THURSDAY, MARCH 28, 1912.

THE PRIME MINISTER'S TASK.

It is impossible to read the telegrams from Home relating the course—one cannot say the progress—of the coal strike negotiations, without feeling a profound sympathy with the Prime Minister. It would appear that from all corners of the land come clamorous and insistent demands for the Government to take effective action. This attitude is understandable, for starving people—and more especially people who see their children suffering—are not given to careful reasoning. But those who view the struggle for mastery from a distance and impartially are forced to the conclusion that Mr. Asquith has done all that is humanly possible for man to do. There is a limit to the powers of the head of a Government and it need not be wondered at that he is feeling the strain of trying to bring upon a common platform, peacefully to seek a settlement of differences, parties whose passions are roused and who are at each other's throats.

In a sectional or district strike, such as those ended by the aid of other members of the Cabinet and a fanfare of party trumpets within the last few years, it is easier to arrive at a settlement. There is then a straight issue and the fight is on a smaller scale. In this case the issue is complicated because while every British miner wants a minimum wage established, the districts do not present a uniform demand. What would satisfy (let us say) Somersetshire would be rejected by Yorkshire while Scotland and Wales urge claims different from each other and from the two first-mentioned. Even North and South Wales are not in agreement on the point. Clearly, therefore, legislative action which shall satisfy all the varying claims cannot be framed at a moment's notice.

It must not be overlooked, again, that at bottom of this calamitous dispute is more than the question of a minimum wage. There is the desire of two huge organisations—a union of masters and a great union of men—to cripple each other. A strong section of the miners does not conceal its purpose to destroy the private ownership of mines, and there is equally a section of the owners whose desire is to see the men's organisation beaten so that it cannot recover for many years to come. To persuade men of that temper to see eye to eye is a serious task; to frame legislation which shall force them even approximately into line is not less serious. Yet even as we write comes the news that the coal owners have accepted the Bill, and that is a big step towards peace. We cannot be accused of undue sympathy with the present Government, but we do admit to admiration of the Prime Minister for his unvarying patience and tact during a trying time.

DAY BY DAY.

The tree of life is always in bloom somewhere, if we only knew where to look.

To-day's Paper.

Several articles of interest appear on page 3, among the subjects dealt with being the Nyasaland Protectorate and the Abyssinian Explorations. On page 8, also are several articles of general interest.

H.M.S. Astraea will leave for Shanghai on Saturday.

H.M.S. Robin leaves to-morrow for Canton and the West River.

The French Mail of Feb. 27 was delivered in London on Mar. 27.

A man named Mok Wuk was fined \$5 at the Marine Court to-day for failing to licence his boat.

Yesterday a child was knocked over by a tram in Ewo Road and sustained serious injuries, necessitating removal to hospital.

A coolie working on the first floor of the Hongkong Hotel, fell through a skylight to the ground below. He sustained injuries to the head and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

Two Chinese were charged at Magistrate's court this morning with creating a disturbance in a shop in Bonham Strand. They were each bound over in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for six months.

Mr. Justice Gompertz (after a Chinese witness stated she remembered a date by a feast): Very useful things these feasts because they fix a date (laughter). Either a wedding or a funeral.

The master of a salt junk reports that while sailing out of Lyonnau Pass yesterday the steamship Onang, which was travelling in the same direction, came into collision with his craft doing damage which he estimated at \$2,000.

In all three bodies were found in the open yesterday; one, that of a newly born child being recovered by the water police off Stonecutters, the second in the western district, a case of smallpox, and the third, that of a female aged nineteen at Yauwatt. Death in the last case was from natural causes.

The following Naval Officers arrived by the English mail to-day:

Captain E. La T. Leatham who relieves Captain Kiddle in H.M.S. Astraea, Captain and Mrs. Kiddle proceed home by the mail steamer on Saturday.

Lieutenant F. A. Reynolds, who relieves Lieutenant Hancock in command of H.M.S. Waterwitch, and Lieutenant Waterlow who also joins H.M.S. Waterwitch.

Chinese Customs. We learn that Mr. F. J. Lowder, at present Commissioner of Customs at Newchwang, will arrive here early in April to relieve Mr. A. H. Harris. Mr. Harris proceeds home on April 13 to enjoy twelve months' well earned leave.

New Solicitor. Mr. Charles Andrew Sutherland Russ, a solicitor of the Supreme Court of Judicature in England, was admitted to practice in the Supreme Court of Hongkong to-day. He was proposed by Mr. M. W. Slade K.C.

A Clan Fight.

We are informed on reliable authority that a clan fight is at present taking place close by Lam Chun. All available arms have been brought into use, trenches dug, and though the total cannot at present be ascertained the number of casualties is stated to be large.

Troops from Canton.

The following details returned from Canton, per s.s. Kinehan and Honam on 26th instant: R.G.A. Lieut. G.P. Sheddou, 2nd Lieut. P.R.M. Collins, and 28 N.C.O.'s and men. R.E. 2 men. 1st K.O.Y.L.I. Captain R.E. Warden, Lieut. E.R.M. Kirkpatrick, and 83 N.C.O.'s and men. R.A.M. Corps 2 men.

Yesterday a passenger leaving the s.s. Hoiming fell on the sea wall and had to be removed to Hospital for treatment.

The Rev. Evan Edwards, of Torquay, who is the oldest Nonconformist minister in the country, has just celebrated his ninety-seventh birthday.

Among recent finds in Sewell's Cave at Gibraltar, Dr. W. L. H. Duckworth stated in a lecture at the Royal Anthropological Institute, were several very delicate flint implements, a human tooth and wrist-bone, part of a shell bracelet, fitting on to a corresponding fragment found in 1910, and a bone which is almost certainly that of a leopard.

A glass bottle has been found on the beach near Musselburgh containing this message on the leaf of a notebook: "January 6, 1912.—Driven to sea in a small boat. Starving and no chance of rescue; nearly gone.—J. Thomson, Dunbar. Good-bye, mother."

The official flag of the new Chinese Republic, hoisted at the Legation in London, has five bars of colour—red, yellow, blue, white and black; and several attaches, who find that the average club blazer is rather loud, will adopt the national colour scheme when the cricket season comes round.—The "Globe."

The Yacht Semiramis.

The following is from the "Straits Times" of March 22:—As already recorded, the yacht Semiramis has arrived in Singapore from home. She is of 730 tons burthen and was formerly owned by Mr. Anthony Drexel, a Philadelphia millionaire. She was formerly known as the Margherita and is said to be one of the finest yachts afloat and to be sumptuously fitted up. The yacht has been chartered by Mrs. Leeds from Lord Anglesey, and her ownership will, it is said, extend over some three or four months. On board are the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, Lady Sarah Wilson, Lord Esher and Lord Leveson, Mrs. Leeds and the Duchess of Manchester joined the yacht at Suez and their first trip was to Bombay, where the distinguished passengers paid a number of visits and spent a happy time. The yacht leaves here for Java.

Obituary.

The cremated remains of Mr. Edward Sargent Lindsey, who died at Grindelwald, Switzerland, on Feb. 8, were interred at Tiverton Cemetery on 24th ult., after remaining for two days in Blundell's School Chapel. Canton Roxby officiated. In addition to several of Mr. Lindsey's relatives there were present the Headmaster of Blundell's (Mr. A. L. Francis), Mrs. Francis, and Mr. G. H. Norman. Mr. Lindsey was chief resident engineer of the Kowloon-Canton Railway.

The death has occurred, at Burgess Hill, Sussex, of Dr. Richard Dill, who for many years was one of Brighton's best-known medical men. He was in his 90th year, and six years ago he and his wife, who survives him, celebrated their golden wedding. For a few years after taking his medical degree Dr. Dill practised in China.

SIR CHARLES ELIOT.

Thus "Reynold's Newspaper":—"There is more in the appointment of Sir Charles Eliot to be Principal of Hongkong University than meets the eye. Sir Charles is only in the forties, but he has a record of distinction which it would be hard to beat at his age. He is one of the most remarkable of Oxford's living sons. The son of a simple country parson, he owes everything to his own abilities. At the 'Varsity he carried everything before him. He went into the Diplomatic Service, and was finally appointed High Commissioner of British East Africa, but, however, put his foot down sharply against the easy way the Torf Government were granting large tracts of land to British aristocrats, and as these gentlemen had been particularly favoured by those in authority, he resigned rather than be a party to it. Now comes his reward, and it does the present Government honour that they have remembered Sir Charles."

DESTITUTE DESIRES DEATH.

The Only Way.

P.C. Perkins placed before the Magistrate to-day a Chinese who has just been discharged from hospital, whether he had been sent to be treated for injuries self-inflicted in an attempt to commit suicide.

The constable found the man hanging from a door in Belilos School. He cut the man down and by means of artificial respiration succeeded in bringing him back to his senses, and then sent him to hospital.

Defendant, asked what he had to say, pleaded that he had no friends, no money and no work, so he thought it would be better to hang himself.

A remand was ordered.

A CURRENCY POINT.

An Interesting Case.

At the Supreme Court to-day before Mr. Justice Gompertz, Un Ming, trading as Un Hue-kee, sued Chan Shau-ming for the recovery of \$80.63, being the balance due for vegetables and fruit sold and delivered to defendant on the s.s. Rajah, of which he was comrade.

Mr. Lewis appeared for plaintiff and Mr. F. X. D'Almada for the defendant.

From the evidence it appeared that an arrangement had been made by both parties to dispose of fruit in Siam and share the profits. Defendant who was comrade of the ship had permission to take the goods to Siam without paying freight. Defendant said he received the goods on board about the end of last year and chopped the receipt of them and paid \$40 on account of his half share which left \$35 unpaid. On the way to Siam the ship took another in tow and in consequence it was late in arriving, and the goods perished. Defendant said that on the return of the ship he gave plaintiff 40 empty baskets and afterwards paid \$24. The agreement according to the defence was that the money should be paid in small coin, but was actually paid in notes with the exception of \$4.

His Lordship (to defendant):—Do you mean that by paying in notes you discharged all your liability?—Yes.

Mr. Lewis maintained that two small sums acknowledging the debt had been paid but not the amount agreed.

Judgment was given for the defendant with costs.

QUESTION OF ACCOUNTS.

Judgement in the Fook Lung Firm v. Lai Yuen Firm Case.

In giving judgment in the Supreme Court to-day in the case of the Fook Lung firm v. the Lai Yuen firm and others, the Chief Justice, Sir Francis Pigott, said that in no case which he had tried in the Court could he remember one in which the real point at issue had been so covered up.

After reviewing the evidence at considerable length, His Lordship held that the plaintiff was entitled to something in the way of an account to be taken by the Court. There would therefore be a reference to the Registrar limited to the taking of a final and definite account, based on the assumption that all the balance sheets were accurate.

THE HONGKONG A.D.C.

There was a very good attendance at the Theatre Royal last evening when the Amateur Dramatic Club completed their week's run in the "Gondoliers." A feature of the performance was the number of tributes floral and otherwise given to the principals. Miss Gordon whose plucky performance, while suffering from a badly injured ankle which she sustained while hurrying from the dressing room a night or two back, was the recipient of many gifts.

After the performance the company were entertained to supper at Government House by H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, which proved a most enjoyable function.

LOCAL SPORT.

CRICKET.

Press v. Police.

The return match between the Hongkong Press and the Police took place yesterday afternoon when the latter were within an ace of defeat. Thanks to the batting of Brown the pressmen raised a higher score than before and then set about the Police batsmen to such effect that seven of their wickets fell for seventeen runs. Steady batting by Hoggarth and Gerrard retrieved matters and the Police won by twelve runs.

The scores were as follow:—

Press.

R. T. Peyton-Griffin, b. O'Clarke	3
F. Hicks, b. Cotton	3
F. O'Clarke, b. Gerrard	24
W. A. Wilson, c. O'Clarke, b. Cotton	6
W. Smart, b. Cotton	3
H. B. Collins, c. Withers, b. Gerrard	4
D. McHardy, b. Gerrard	9
H. Myall, b. O'Clarke	0
A. R. Ellis, b. Cotton	0
A. J. R. King not out	1
A. Ramsay, b. Gerrard	0
Extras	2
Total	55

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.	
Clarke	6-1-15-2
O'Clarke	7-0-32-4
Gerrard	3-0-7-4

Police.

J. Kerr, b. Brown	3
McLennan, c. and b. Brown	2
Watt, c. Wilson, b. Brown	0
Cotton, c. Wilson, b. Brown	1
Clarke, b. Brown	0
Gerrard, c. Wilson, b. Smart	10
Booker, c. Brown, b. Smart	4
Hoggarth, c. Ellis, b. Brown	18
Pitt not out	16
Cooper, c. sub, b. Wilson	6
Extras	4
Total	67

Bowling.

O. M. R. W.	
Brown	12-4-22-6
Smart	10-1-35-3
Wilson	2-1-0-1

V.R.C. Sports.

There are no less than twenty events to be decided at the V.R.C. sports to be held on the Hongkong Football Club's ground on April 20. Entries close on Wednesday evening, the 10th prox., at six o'clock. Entry forms and all information can be obtained from the steward, V.R.C.

GOLF.

Hongkong Cup.

The competition for the Captain's Cup, played during the week-end March 23-25, resulted as follows:—

*Mr. A. W. W. Walker	80 pl. 1	81
Major Canfield	87 min. 5	82
Mr. J. Hooper	87	88
Captain Spicer	92	94
Mr. J. M. W. Stewart	101	108
Mr. H. A. Murray	87	88
Mr. A. MacKenzie	92	94
Mr. W. B. Hinde	96	102
Mr. F. Boyington	98	104
Mr. K. M. Cumming	86	86
Mr. C. A. Tomes	101	102
Mr. A. P. Dashwood	103	111

*Winner of Cup.

*Mr. M. A. Murray	81	4	80
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*Winner of Pool.

The "Pioneer" reporter an archaeological find of great interest from Muttra where Pandit Radha Krishna, the curator of the local museum, while exploring a mound near the village of Mat, not far from Muttra, lighted upon a life sized statue of the great Indo-Scythian King, Kanishka, who ruled over the whole of Northern India about the time of the commencement of the Christian era.

RAJPUTS SPORTS.

Successful Event at Kowloon.

The Rajputs Sports held yesterday, at King's Park, Kowloon, were a success both from a social and a sporting standpoint. The weather was fine and the spectators were numerous. During the afternoon the regimental band was in attendance and played popular airs. Besides the numerous events the soldiers danced native dances which were very attractive. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Anderson.

Results:—

100 Yards Open	—1, Nepal Singh; 2, Kado Singh; 3, Sado Singh.
220 Yards (For Nicks)	—1, Ramsidh Singh; 2, Shidival Singh; 3, Bulai Singh.
100 Yards (For Havildars)	—1, Nandpal Singh; 2, Matadin Singh; 3, Jarban Singh.
440 Yards Open	—1, Nepal Singh; 2, Partab Singh; 3, Raghubar Singh.
Bayonet Fighting	—1, "O" Company; 2, "H" Company.
220 Yards (For N. O. O. and Men over ten years service)	—1, Mahesur Singh; 2, Raghubar Singh; 3, Mahabir Singh.

300 Yards (For Sopos under three years service):—1, Harak-bader Singh; 2, Ramadin Singh; 3, Ramprasad Singh.

440 Yards Hurdle Race (Open to Indian Troops and H. K. Police):—1, Kirpa Singh; 2, Dayal Singh; 3, Wariz Khan.

Half Mile Hurdle Race (Scouts):—1, Sahabux Singh; 2, Pir Singh; 3, Malabar Singh.

Tug of War:—1, "E" Company; 2, "D" Company.

Obstacle Race (Open to regular and Auxiliary forces):—1, Richardson K.O.Y.L.I.; 2, Nutty, 88th Co. R.G.A.; 3, Hansall, 87th Co. R.G.A.

Relay Race:—1, "H" Company; 2, "C" Company.

Officers Race (Age Handicap—Open):—1, Col. Stapole; 2, Lt. Thompson; 3, Col. Hamilton.

Obstacle Race Open:—1, Nepal Singh; 2, Pir Singh; 3, Malpal Singh; 4, Raghubar Singh.

Book Competition (Inter Company):—1, "G" Company; 2, "A" Company.

One Mile Open:—1, Sahabux Singh; 2, Partab Singh; 3, Indupal Singh.

The Company Challenge Shield was won by "B" Company.

R. H. K. Y. C.

Saturday's Racing.

The Handicap Class and the One Design Class sailed the 11th club race on Saturday last in fine weather. Six boats competed in the former, viz: Dione, Iris, Kathleen, Rola, Dorothea and Colleen.

With the exception of the last named all got a good start. The course was Channel Rocks (port), Cust Rocks Buoy (port), Channel Rocks (star), Cust Rocks Buoy (port) and Meyers East Buoy (port), in all 8 miles. Dione rounded the Channel Rocks first, closely followed by Iris, Kathleen and Rola; which order was maintained to the Cust Rocks Buoy. On approaching the Channel Rocks the second time Dione was badly broken off and lost considerable time thereby.

The times were:—

	Actual.	Corrected.
Dione	3 45 21	3 45 21
Iris	3 46 24	3 46 24
Rola	3 47 0	3 45 6
Kathleen	3 49 29	3 44 49
Colleen	3 52 5	3 47 25
Dorothea	3 52 23	3 47 3

In the One Design Class five boats started, viz: Ailsa, Halcyon, Bonito II, Daphne and Alantah II. The course was Channel Rocks (port), Kowloon Rock (port), Mark Boat on starting line (port), Channel Rocks (port) and Kowloon Rock (port), in all 8.1-2 miles.

Ailsa secured another win. The times were:—

Ailsa	4 14 2
Halcyon	4 16 2
Alantah	4 16 40
Bonito	4 16 40
Daphne	4 18 30

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

OUTBREAK IN SOOCHOW.

(Our Own Correspondent).

Shanghai, March 28, 2.40 p.m.

Five hundred troops broke out at Soochow last night and looted the pawnshops.

FOREIGN SETTLEMENT LOOTED.

Shanghai, March 28, 3.10 p.m.

Looting is taking place in the foreign settlement at Soochow. The position is serious.

JAPAN'S ATTITUDE.

Tokyo, March 28.

Viscount Uchida in the Diet, replying to a question by Mr. Sasake, explained Japan's policy in relation to China.

He said:—We have always sought to deal with affairs in China in the most peaceful manner. We have acted with the other Powers and have taken common steps to protect the general interests of all nations. With that object in view we have been in frequent consultation with the Powers in connection with the crisis in China and particularly with England, in conformity with the Alliance. Japan has special interests in South-Manchuria as Russia has in the North, and in this connection we have frequently exchanged views with Russia to avoid ill-feeling and misunderstanding.—Ind. News Agency.

OBITUARY.

BISHOP HONDA.

Tokyo, March 28.

The death is announced of the Right Rev. Y. Honda, Bishop of the Japanese Episcopal Methodist Church.—Ind. News Agency.

THE EARLIEST MAN.

An Interesting Discovery.

A correspondent of the "Times" describes an important discovery made near Ipswich by Mr. J. Reid Moir. Mr. Moir excavated a human skeleton which, if all the evidence holds good, represents not only the earliest remains of man yet found in England, but with the exception of the Heidelberg jaw, the earliest yet found in Europe. The remains may be 100,000 years old. The skeleton was excavated last October from beneath an undisturbed layer of chalky boulder clay, which far antedates the period of Neanderthal man, whose remains have been found so abundantly in France. The writer is of the opinion that the remains belong to a race of men who lived in East Anglia before the most severe of the various episodes of the Glacial period. The skeleton rested on the right side with the legs folded up on the body, and was apparently that of a man of about 5ft. 10in. in height. The skull was small. The thigh bones and the bones of the forearms and hands were absolutely the same as in modern Englishmen. The bones were so fragile that it was found impossible to remove them. The stratum containing them was cut out in blocks and forwarded to Professor Kilt. He impregnated them with gesso and then cleaned away the surrounding matrix, leaving each bone embedded on the surface of its block. Growing evidence supports the opinions of those anthropologists who have supposed that the modern type of man was evolved at an extremely early date, and that long after his appearance a much more primitive man also persisted in Europe—the type we now name Neanderthal. The modern type of man was apparently evolved before the commencement of the Glacial period.

RUBBER ESTATE TRAGEDY.

Ghastly Affair at Pulau Bulang.

The "Straits Times" of March 21, contains a detailed account of the tragedy at Pulau Bulang, which our Singapore correspondent reported by telegraph, as follows:—

Information, but little detail, has arrived in Singapore regarding a terrible murder that occurred at Pulau Bulang on Monday evening, when a Dutch assistant planter named J. C. van B. Bastiaanse, was done to death by a gang of Javanese coolies. The official report of the occurrence is not to hand at the moment of writing and such facts as are available have come through third parties. They may, nevertheless, be taken as generally correct.

On Monday afternoon the launch that runs between Singapore and Pulau Bulang conveyed to the latter island a Mr. Bellow, an assistant newly engaged for the service of the Pulau Bulang Rubber and Produce Co., Ltd. The Shamoen Estate is the portion of the property nearest the landing stage, so it was there that Mr. Bellow disembarked about 6 p.m. He was met by Mr. Bastiaanse, and the latter then went to Kanka village, close by, in order to get coolies to transport the new man's baggage to his house. The Javanese workers had returned to their homes after the day's work in the fields and on being ordered out again they objected. What actually followed is still obscure, but it would seem that anger was displayed on both sides. At all events, Mr. Bastiaanse was attacked by a large number of Javanese armed with prangs and changkals, and went down in a welter of blood before the terrible onslaught. He was practically cut to pieces, and his head, it is stated, was almost severed from his trunk. Death, presumably, was almost instantaneous. Mr. Bellow, who appears to have gone to the unfortunate man's assistance, was also attacked and his arm and wrist were slashed with a prang. But for the fact that he wore a wrist-watch it is likely that he would have lost a hand. As it was, the force of the blow that cut his arm and wrist was broken on the watch and lost its full effect.

The other European residents on the island were soon apprised of the occurrence and speedily reached the scene. Mr. Bastiaanse was beyond help, but Mr. Bellow's wound looked dangerous. There was no doctor on the island, Dr. Sieberts, the company's resident medico, having been away at Batavia for some time qualifying for a Dutch degree. It was necessary, therefore, to despatch a summons to Rhio to invoke the assistance of the Government doctor there. Mr. Seelig, private secretary to Mr. Rowlands, general manager, went there in an open sampan, and having sent back the Rhio doctor, he came on to Singapore by launch, arriving here with the first intelligence of the tragedy. On Tuesday morning, on the evening of the same day he returned to Pulau Bulang in a special launch with the shell of a coffin. In that, the body of the dead man was brought over to Singapore. The funeral took place at 8.30 yesterday morning, the coffin being followed to the grave by several members of the estates staff.

It is reported that since the murder some fifty Javanese coolies alleged to be implicated have taken to the jungle and are in hiding there. The following appeared in the "Straits Times" of March 22:—Further information received regarding the murder of Mr. J. C. van B. Bastiaanse on Shamoen Estate, Pulau Bulang, on Monday evening, points to the fact that 16 coolies were involved in the outrage. After the murder they all disappeared into the jungle. The adjoining estates were immediately notified, and the Europeans and native jagas armed themselves and went out in search of the murderers. These were not tracked down until 10 p.m. on Tuesday, when they were driven from the jungle on to Tanjong Bear Estate, adjoining Shamoen.

They were there arrested and looked up for the night, and next morning were taken to Shamoen. While the manager of the latter estate, Mr. Denholm-Young, was examining the prisoners one of them tried to escape. A shot was fired after him and he fell with a wound in his liver. He is not expected to recover.

Mr. Bastiaanse had only been on Shamoen Estate eight days, having been transferred there from Glam Estate, on the same island, where he had been working for about 18 months. The reason for the coolies turning on him, it is stated, was that on the day previous to the murder, he kept them in the fields to finish some work after the usual time for knocking off. The coolies were incensed, so that when, on Monday evening, he ordered them out after working hours to carry Mr. Bellow's baggage from the boat to the house, they refused and turned upon him. We are informed that since the tragedy the Europeans on the island have been armed with revolvers.

On Glam Estate, a Javanese has been arrested on his own confession for the murder of two other Javanese coolies. The body of one was found in the jungle, half eaten by wild pigs, and on being arrested the man confessed to a previous murder five months before. The skeleton of this victim has also been found and the remains of both were buried. The man had been enticing coolies to bolt. They had sold their things and gone away with him and were never seen again, the report being given out that they had got clear away from the island. The man is under arrest at Pulau Boyan, the Police Island.

LEAP YEAR.

St. Patrick's Decision.

As far back as the year 46 B.C. wise and learned astronomers gave scientific reasons why every fourth year should contain 366 days instead of the regulation 365; and, because this fourth year was three minutes longer than the astronomical year, they further demonstrated that some years divisible by four, and hence to the ordinary mind leap years, were not leap years at all. Thus 1700, 1800 and 1900 were not leap years, but, to all whom it may interest, the year 2000 will be reckoned as such.

But though there is necessity, from the scientific point of view, of one year containing more days than another, there is no positive record of the origin of that delicate privilege which tradition says is the right of women in leap year. Myth ascribes its inception to St. Patrick. It is said that while waking by the shores of Lough Neagh the saint was accosted by St. Bridget, who tearfully told him that there was trouble among the nuns over whom she ruled owing to the fact that a woman might not propose to a man. It may be remarked that in the days of St. Bridget, celibacy was not enforced as an absolute rule for the clergy, though advocated by the Church as the proper mode of life for a religious.

Moved by her tears, St. Patrick offered to concede the coveted privilege to women one year in every seven. But Bridget declared that this would never satisfy her discontented charges, and for at least one year in four, enforcing her argument by throwing her arms round St. Patrick's neck. "Biddy aushla, squeeze me that way again and I'll give you leap year, the longest year of the lot," is said to have been his reply, and so the matter was settled. Emboldened by her success, Bridget straightway pro-

posed to the saint himself, but being under a strict vow of celibacy he felt obliged to refuse, smoothing over the awkward situation thus created with a kiss and the present of a silk dress.

Until a century ago it was a recognised law of leap year that in the event of a man declining a proposal of a marriage he should help to alleviate the natural disappointment caused by his answer by giving a silk dress to his unsuccessful admirer.

Quaint Scottish Statute.

History appears to have recognised what tradition established and spinsters were given a rare opportunity in 1288, when by a law passed in Scotland it was enacted:—

"It is statut and ordaint that during the roin of hir maist blissit Mageste, for ilk years knowe as lopp year, ilk mayden ladye of bothe highe and lowe estate shail has liberte to bespeke ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to taik hir to be his lawful wife, be mulot in ye sum ane poundis or less, as his estat may be, except and awis gif he can make it appeare that he is betrothit ane ither woman he then shail be free." Shortly after this a similar statute passed in France was approved by the then King.

What may be an example of the fictitious reports with which the police are sometimes troubled comes from Pingshan. A married woman, living in that locality, says that while on her way from market she was attacked by a man who stole \$50 from her. She said she knew the man and gave his name.

The person she alleged to be the thief was arrested by the police, but he denied knowledge of the affair, and a search of his clothing revealed no traces of the stolen money.

The veracity of the story is naturally regarded as doubtful.

Lost for two midwinter nights on Duke's Island, off the south-eastern Alaskan Coast, and nearly dead when rescued by his shipmates, Jens Jensen, a fisherman sailor, in the crew of the power schooner Northland, which has reached Seattle, kept the spark of life burning in his chilled and hungry body by eating raw mussels gathered among the rocks of the beach.

Jensen was lost while the men in the crew were hunting. For two nights and days the crew searched the forests, carrying lanterns at night and firing guns. Meanwhile the lost sailor had made his way to the beach, a distance of several miles from where the schooner lay, and digging through the snow, procured a few mussels.

Chilled to the bone and with waning strength after two frightful nights, during which he dared not sleep for fear of freezing, he was finally found struggling slowly along the beach.

He was carrying a tin can with a few mussels, one or two of which he ate from time to time to keep up his strength. Nauseated by the food and weakened by exposure, the lost man was practically out of his senses.

DON'T FORGET.

Thursday, Mar. 28.

Annual General Meeting, Royal Hongkong Golf Club, 5.30 p.m.
Fifth Ordinary General Meeting, Phoenix Club.
Presentation of Prizes S. C. Rifle Assoc.
Bijou Theatre, 9.15.

Friday, March 29.

"The Mouse," Bandmann Opera Co., Theatre Royal, 9.15.
Saturday, March 30.
Twenty-third Annual General Meeting of the Green Island Cement Co., 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 2.

Organ Recital, 5.30.
Inspection, Volunteer Res., 5.45.
Friday, April 5.
Volunteer Res., Rifle Meeting, Kings Park, 10.30.

Saturday, April 6.

K.O.Y.L.L. Race Meeting at Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
V.R.O. Boxing Tournament.

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Business: To consider a proposal put forward by the majority of the creditors to accept 75 per cent. in full satisfaction of all claims against the said Company.

LAU CHU PAK,

Official Liquidator.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1912. 270

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM EUROPE, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

THE Company's Steamship

"HITACHI MARU"

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional goods will be carried on unless instructions are given to the contrary before Noon, 1st day.

Goods not cleared by the 3rd April, will be subject to rent.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co.'s representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns.

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Hongkong 27th March, 1912. 10

NOTICE.

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EGYPTIAN NATIONALISTS.

Extraordinary Scene in a Cairo Theatre.

An extraordinary incident happened at a charity performance which was given recently at the Opera House, Cairo, under the patronage of His Highness the Khedive, says the "Pall Mall Gazette." When, just prior to the raising of the curtain, his Excellency Hussein Pasha Rushdi and his Excellency Ali Bey Chahine, representing his Highness, entered the house, the Khedivial anthem was, of course, played. Everyone in the audience remained standing, with the exception of the Nationalist leader, Mohammed Bey Farid, who was seated in a box just opposite the official tribune.

Such a public act of disrespect and disloyalty could not be allowed to pass unnoticed, and so Rushdi Pasha, who is Minister for Foreign Affairs, at once sent for Farid Bey and upbraided him for his behaviour. The Nationalist leader replied most insolently that no law obliged him to rise, if he wished to remain seated, even when the Khedivial hymn was played, and he refused to apologise.

The Minister thereupon ordered him to leave the house which he did. The incident was then reported to the Prime Minister by Rushdi Pasha, and the Khedive was apprised of what had happened.

This overt act of disloyalty on the part of the Nationalist leader has aroused a great deal of comment. Whilst, of course, to the average intelligent mind it spells its own condemnation, to the ignorant or mentally unbalanced native it has a certain significance, and it is felt that for this reason some stern step should be taken to put a stop to such unfortunate incidents.

INDIAN MUTINY RECALLED.

Doyen of Calcutta Merchants Dead.

The death has taken place at his residence in London of Mr. E. D. Kilburn, who was the doyen of Calcutta merchants and was within two months of 90 years of age when he died. Mr. Kilburn went to Calcutta in 1847 and was the founder of the present firm of Kilburn & Co. Just before the outbreak of the mutiny Mr. Kilburn went to China on business, and when he returned he found Calcutta in the throes of the first mutiny agitation. Believing that his China news might be of use to Government, he called at Government House to place it at Lord Canning's disposal only, however, to be assured by the secretary that in the agitated condition of public affairs any expectation of an audience would be hopeless. Mr. Kilburn left his card, but had scarcely returned to his office, when a summons arrived from Government House, and on his return there he remained, much to the secretary's surprise, closeted with Lord Canning for over two hours. To what extent Mr. Kilburn's information may have influenced Lord Canning's urgent appeal to Lord Elgin, which led to the momentous diversion of H.M.S. Shannon to Calcutta, is not known, but Mr. Kilburn always maintained that the credit of that important action was due to Lord Canning's initiative and not to that of Lord Elgin. Mr. Kilburn left India in 1850.

SPOORING.

Man the only Animal that follows a Trail that Way.

Spooring, properly speaking, means following footprints; but the term commonly implies much more than that, and signifies holding the trail by means of the many marks an animal leaves behind on its path.

It is essentially tracking by sight when the quarry itself is hidden from view; and it is this use of the eyes alone in the pursuit of invisible game that distinguishes man, the hunter, from other animals.

There is no reason to think that any animal, other than man, employs eyesight to any material extent for this purpose, says the "Strait." Conspicuous tricks, it is true, may catch the eye of the stout or wolf quessing for prey, and draw attention to the fact that a possible victim has passed by.

But it is hardly to be believed that either of these animals, high though in certain particulars his intelligence be, has a knowledge of the shape and structure of the feet such as is necessary for telling the nature of the species that has left the spoor and of the direction it has taken.

These essentials are learnt by the sense of smell. Smell will tell the stout if the tracks are those of a hare it would be profitable to pursue or of a fox it would be unwise to follow; and the gradual waxing or waning of the scent in this or that direction will indicate the course that has to be chosen if the quest is to be crowned with success.

To man alone, then, is confined the power of knowing these things by eye. Not that the knowledge is instinctive. It has to be acquired by strenuous application and long practice; and only the individual with keen visualizing power and sound judgment can hope to make a successful tracker and attain proficiency in the science.

THE GOOD BOY.

If you engage a taxi in London you will notice that the driver has a peculiar air of complacency. This is because he has been reading the current news from Paris and New York. One can well understand that one would think twice before engaging a taxicab in New York. Always very expensive to him, the New York taxicab now presents the additional drawback of a driver who is a rampant ex-convict, for according to the recent statement of the Commissioner of Police most of the robberies in the city are due to the fact that two hundred ex-convicts, drafted into New York as strike-breakers, remained to become permanent taxi-drivers. They shut the door of the cab on you, drive you off to their own particular tame bashes, and then complain because you have no money left to pay the amount that is registered on the clock. In Paris you are also at a disadvantage. One day this week the police discovered that in nearly every cab taken out of the garage that morning to ply for hire a bomb had been secreted. The favourite place, we note, for strikers to hide bombs is under the back cushions; and we defy anyone to seat himself in comfort on the knobby protruberances of an infernal machine. Besides, the loud whirring of the clockwork is a bar to all conversation. That is why the London taxi-driver is looking so snug. "A lot you've got to complain of, I don't think," he murmurs, "he fancy, as one enters his cab. He is the good boy of the family. His cab is free from bombs. He has never done time—The "Globe."

POST OFFICE.

Only fully prepaid letters and post-cards are transmissible by the Siberian Route to Europe.

On and from the 30th instant and on each Saturday following Mails will be closed for Canton, Wuchow and Simshui at 6 p.m.

The Parcel Post system to the following places in China is for the present suspended:—Hupoh, Hunan and Tientsin.

MAILS VIA SIBERIA.

Left London 7th March 22. March 9. March 20. March 13. March 20.

MAILS DUE.

Siberian, Dornika, 29th inst. Canadian, Empress of India, 30th inst. American, Siberia, 1st prox. German, Kait, 5th prox. American, China, 8th prox. American, Manchuria, 10th prox.

MAILS CLOSE.

Saigon—Per Kaitai-maru, 29th Mar., 9 a.m.

Swatow—Per Haiman, 29th Mar., 10 a.m.

Macao—Per Sai Tai, 29th Mar., 11 15 p.m.

Holow and Singapore—Per Pong-tong, 29th Mar., 5 p.m.

Shanghai, Yokohama and Kobe—Per China, 30th Mar., 10 a.m.

Tientsin—Per Cheongshing, 30th Mar., 10 a.m.

Shanghai, Moji, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honkoku, and San Francisco—Per Siberia, 30th Mar., 10 a.m.

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Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle—Per Empire, 6th April, 11 a.m.

Shanghai, Siberian Mail to Europe—Per Lusan, 6th April, 6 p.m.

Manila, Cebu and Iloilo—Per Ycon-sang, 6th April, 11 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per Haining, 7th April, 10 a.m.

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SHIPPING NEWS.

The N. Y. K. s.s. Colombo, Maru, Nanyang Line, left Moji for this port on the 27th inst., and is expected on the 31st inst.

The I. O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Laisang from Calcutta is due at Hongkong on the 4th prox., and leaves for Straits and Calcutta on the 9th prox.

The I. O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Hangtang from Shanghai via Swatow is due at Hongkong and Canton on the 29th inst., and leaves for Shanghai on the 31st inst.

The I. O. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Kwongang from Shanghai via Swatow is due at Hongkong and Canton on the 31st inst., and leaves for Shanghai on the 4th prox.

The Shire Line s.s. Den of Glens from Shanghai is due at Hongkong on the 1st prox., and leaves for London on the 2nd prox.

The Indra Line s.s. Indramaha from Shanghai is due at Hongkong on the 1st prox., and leaves for New York on the 2nd prox.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Mullra from Singapore is due at Hongkong on the 1st prox., and leaves for Yokohama on the 2nd prox.

The B. I. S. N. Co.'s s.s. Fakika from Moji is due at Hongkong on the 28th inst., and leaves for Straits and Hongkong on the 29th inst.

ARRIVED.

Hitachi Maru, Jap. s.s., 4,163, T. Yamawaki, 27th Mar.—Singapore 22nd Mar., Gen.—N. Y. K.

Lightning, Br. s.s., 2,422, Austin, 27th Mar.—Singapore 22nd Mar., Gen.—D. S. & Co.

Delta, Br. s.s., 4,780, P. Martin, n.m.n., 28th Mar.—Peking via Singapore 18th Mar., n.a. and Gen.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

Kiangsi, Br. s.s., 1,297, Robertson, 28th Mar.—Canton 27th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.

Zafro, Am. s.s., 1,480, M. C. Smith, 28th Mar.—Manila 26th Mar., Gen.—S. T. & Co.

Ningchow, Br. s.s., 6,216, J. Mill-hugh, 28th Mar.—Singapore 28th Mar., Gen.—B. & S.

Signal, Ger. s.s., 907, J. Iverson, 28th Mar.—Hollow 27th Mar., Gen.—J. & Co.

Shibetsu Maru, Jap. s.s., 2,478, K. Kento, 28th Mar.—Moji 22nd Mar., Gen.—O. S. K.

Heizma, Br. s.s., 641, A. H. Stewart, 28th Mar.—Swatow 27th Mar., Gen.—D. L. & Co.

Clearances at the Harbour Office. Hitachi-maru, for Yokohama. Fusanag, for Singapore. Lucrow, for Shanghai. Delta, for Shanghai. Chichu, for Shanghai. Ho ching, for Kwangchowwan.

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